

BathAbbey

Bath Abbey
Services & Music List
Winter 2023
December - February



Our regular Weekday services are as follows:

8.30am Morning Prayer Monday – Thursday.

8.30am Holy Communion Friday.

5.30pm Evening Prayer* Monday – Friday unless Choral Evensong is taking place.

*** Please note there is no Evening Prayer from 4 December to 1 January**

Unless otherwise indicated all services on Weekdays and 8am Holy Communion on Sundays are said services.

SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER

Advent Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Celebration Communion *Sung by the Chamber Choir*

Setting *Darke in F (Kyrie and Agnus Dei)*

Communion *Adam lay ybounden Ledger*

Hymns 30, 39, 41

Voluntary *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland BWV 661 J S Bach*

5.00pm Advent Carols *Sung by the Abbey Boys, Girls and Lay Clerks*

Entry is by (free) ticket only. Available via Eventbrite.

7.15pm Advent Carols *Sung by the Abbey Boys, Girls and Lay Clerks*

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A Christmas Celebration December 9th 7.00pm

All the Abbey choirs feature in a fun and exciting celebration of Christmas. There will be opportunities for audience participation and a variety of seasonal music sung by the youngest Abbey choir, the Melody Makers (aged 6-11) and the Abbey choirs of Girls, Boys and Lay Clerks.

Tickets available from Bath Box Office bathboxoffice.org.uk

SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER

2nd Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Church Family Communion *Led by the Music Group*

Hymns 46, 625, SOF 192, SOF 1419, 649, 54

11.30am Sung Eucharist *Sung by the Abbey Boys and Lay Clerks*

Introit	The Advent Prose <i>Plainsong</i>
Setting	Mass for Four Voices <i>Byrd</i>
Communion	Strengthen ye the weak hands <i>Harris</i>
Hymns	30, 45, 39
Voluntary	Fantasia in G minor BWV 542i <i>J S Bach</i>

3.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Chamber Choir*

Introit Jesus Christ the Apple Tree *Poston* Responses *Ayleward*

Canticles Evening Service in G *Howells* Psalm 40

Anthem O Radiant Dawn *James MacMillan* Hymn AMNS 484 (AM 75)

Voluntary Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland *Heiller*

6.30pm Informal Service

Handel's Messiah December 16th 7.00pm

Previous performances of Messiah by the Abbey choirs have received standing ovations. In 2022 one audience member commented:

Over many years, we have attended many performances of this great work, but last evening there was an energy and urgency to the performance that was unique and electric!

Written in 1742, Handel's masterpiece has become a regular part of Christmas for many. The Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks perform this work with skill and virtuosity and the solos are sung by the choir members giving this work an added sense of intimacy and operatic intensity, as would have happened in the original performance in Dublin in 1742. Another audience member described the performance in 2022:

It was so fresh, with such clear articulation (we were a halfway back') and what an amazing sound. The orchestra were superb. How do they produce such a fabulous sound when singing solo?

The skilful and virtuosic baroque specialist players, *Rejouissance*, led by Simon Jones, join the Abbey choir.

Tickets from Bath Box Office bathboxoffice.org.uk

SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER

3rd Sunday of Advent

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Church Family Communion *Led by soloists*

Anthem Come unto him *Handel*
Rejoice greatly *Handel*

Hymns 45, SOF 1419, 42, 193, 75

11.30am Sung Eucharist *Sung by soloists*

Introit Lift thine eyes *Mendelssohn*

Setting Messe Basse *Fauré*

Communion Come unto him *Handel*
Rejoice greatly *Handel*

Hymns 45, 30, 37, 41

Voluntary Wacht auf, ruft uns die Stimme BWV 645 *J S Bach*

3.30pm Family Carols *Led by the Melody Makers*

La Nativité du Seigneur Thursday 21 December 7.00pm

**Nine meditations for organ by Olivier Messiaen
Huw Williams, Organ**

A Christmas meditation with organist Huw Williams and scripture readings from Revd Nigel Rawlinson.

All welcome, no reserved seating or tickets required.

SATURDAY 23 DECEMBER**Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols**

Entry is by (free) ticket only. Available via Eventbrite.

5.00pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols *Sung by the Abbey Boys and Lay Clerks*

7.15pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols *Sung by the Abbey Boys and Lay Clerks*

SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER**Christmas Eve**

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Celebration Communion *Sung by the Chamber Choir*

Introit Jesus Christ the Apple Tree *Poston*

Setting *Darke* in F (Kyrie and Agnus Dei)

Communion All this time *Walton*

Rir riu chiu Flecha

Hymns 99, 75, 32, 394

Voluntary In Dulci Jubilo BWV 729 *J S Bach*

4.00pm Carol Praise *Sung by the Girls Choir Alumnae*

6.00pm Carol Praise *Sung by the Girls Choir Alumnae*

11.00pm Midnight Communion *Sung by the Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks*

Introit Hodie Christus natus est *Poulenc*

Setting Messe de Minuit *Charpentier*

Communion O magnum mysterium *Poulenc*

Long the Night *Ukrainian carol arr. Roy Massey*

Hymns 78, 70, 64, 84, 66

Voluntary Sinfonia from Cantata no 29 *J S Bach/Dupré*

MONDAY 25 DECEMBER**Christmas Day**

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Celebration Communion *Sung by the Abbey Boys*Hymns 78 (omit v4&5), 61 (omit v4&5), 83 (omit v3&4), 64 (omit v2&3),
79, 60, 6611.30am Festal Sung Eucharist *Sung by the Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks*Introit Hodie Christus natus est *Poulenc*Setting Mass in D *Dvorak*Communion O magnum mysterium *Morton Lauridsen*
Suo Gân Welsh trad. arr. Guest

Hymns 78, 80, 83, 68, 66

Voluntary Toccata *from Symphonie V Widor***SUNDAY 31 DECEMBER****New Year's Eve**

8.00am Holy Communion

10.30am Celebration Communion *Organ with soloists*

Hymns 83, 68, 72, NEH 39, 79

12 noon Singing Recital *Sung by two senior boys,*
*Gavin Phelps and Joseph Brunton***Epiphany Concert Saturday 6 January 7.00pm**

Acclaimed Bath Abbey Girls Choir sing Benjamin Britten's masterpiece *A Ceremony of Carols* and *Dancing Day* by John Rutter, accompanied by the dazzling and enchanting sound of the harp played by Kate Ham.

Tickets available from Bath Box Office bathboxoffice.org.uk

SUNDAY 7 JANUARY

Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Church Family Communion *Led by the Music Group*

Hymns 103, 74, 105, 82, 76, 86

11.30am Sung Eucharist *Sung by the Abbey Boys and Lay Clerks*

Introit The Three Kings *Cornelius arr. Atkins*

Setting Missa Brevis in B flat K275 *Mozart*

Communion When Jesus our Lord *Mendelssohn*

Hymns 94, REH 44 On this day (t 73), REH 54 Whence is that
goodly fragrance, 98i

Voluntary Fantasia sopra sol, la, re *Froberger*

5.00pm Epiphany Carol Service *Sung by the Chamber Choir*

A beautiful service with Bible readings interspersed with seasonal
carols and anthems.

Monday 8 January at 5.00pm

The Boys and Lay Clerks are Singing Evensong at St Paul's Cathedral
All welcome – admission free

Responses *Clucas*

Canticles *Stanford in C*

Anthem When Jesus our Lord *Mendelssohn*

TUESDAY 9 JANUARY

5.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Blundells School Choir*

Introit Responses

Canticles Psalm

Anthem

THURSDAY 11 JANUARY

5.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks*

Introit Personent hodie *Trad arr John Rutter* Responses *Malcolm Archer*
Canticles Fauxbourdon Service *Philip Moore* Psalm 61
Anthem Ballulalow, This little babe *Britten*

SUNDAY 14 JANUARY

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Church Family Communion *Sung by the Chamber Choir*

Anthems Almighty God, which by the leading of a star *Bull*
The Three Kings *Cornelius*

Hymns 99, 663, 96, 639, 609, 94 (omit v4)

11.30am Sung Eucharist *Sung by the Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks*

Introit Bethlehem down *Warlock*
Setting Missa Sancti Nicolai *Haydn*
Communion Lux Aurumque *Eric Whitacre*
Hymns 108, REH 411 Baptised in water (t 411), 109, 593i
Voluntary Prelude and Fugue in D BWV 532 *J S Bach*

3.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Boys and Lay Clerks*

Introit Gracious spirit, Holy Ghost *Sebastian Forbes* Responses *Clucas*
Canticles *Stanford* in B flat Psalm 96
Anthem Hear my words ye people *Parry* Hymn AMNS 215 (REH 504)
Voluntary Allegro con brio *from Sonata no 4 in B flat major Mendelssohn*

6.30pm Informal Service

TUESDAY 16 JANUARY

5.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Boys and Lay Clerks*

at St Johns the Evangelist Celebrating Christian Week of Prayer for Unity

Introit Gracious spirit, Holy Ghost *Sebastian Forbes* Responses *Clucas*
Canticles The Second Service *Byrd* Psalm 133, 134
Anthem When Jesus our Lord *Mendelssohn*

SUNDAY 21 JANUARY

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Church Family Communion *Sung by the Abbey Boys*

Anthems Ex ore innocentium *Ireland*
A grateful heart *Plumstead*

Hymns 104, 72, 712, 630, 785, 721

11.30am Sung Eucharist *Sung by the Abbey Boys and Lay Clerks*

Introit View me Lord *Lloyd*

Setting Missa Festiva *Gretchaninov*

Communion Do not be afraid *Philip Stopford*

Hymns 103, REH 600, 99, 104

Voluntary Allegro from Sonata no 5 in A major *Stanford*

3.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks*

Introit In dulci jubilo *Trad arr J Praetorius* Responses *Philip Moore*

Canticles Magnificat Quinti toni *J Praetorius*

Nunc Dimittis *Holst* Psalm 33

Anthem Epiphany *Judith Bingham* Hymn AMNS 142 (AM 99)

Voluntary Voluntary in D minor for Double Organ *Purcell*

6.30pm Informal Service

TUESDAY 23 JANUARY

5.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Boys and Lay Clerks*

Introit View me Lord *Lloyd* Responses *Clucas*

Canticles *Dyson* in F Psalm 107 v1-22

Anthem Abide with me *Monk arr. M Hogan*

THURSDAY 25 JANUARY

5.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks*

Introit Justorum animae *Byrd* Responses *Philip Moore*

Canticles *Stanford* in G Psalm 67

Anthem Hail, gladdening light *Wood*

SUNDAY 28 JANUARY**Candlemas**

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Church Family Communion *Sung by the Abbey Girls*

Anthems Nunc dimittis *Joanna Marsh*
 Wolcum yole *Britten*

Hymns 9, 510, 451, SOF 851, 111, 506

11.30am Sung Eucharist *Sung by the Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks*

Introit	Hail, gladdening light <i>Wood</i>
Setting	Mass in G minor <i>Vaughan Williams</i>
Communion	Nunc dimittis <i>Holst</i>
Hymns	610, 398, 110, 676
Voluntary	Chaconne in C minor BuxWV 159 <i>Buxtehude</i>

3.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Boys and Lay Clerks*

Introit	We wait for thy loving kindness <i>McKie</i>	Responses <i>Clucas</i>
Canticles	<i>Dyson</i> in D	Psalm 34
Anthem	Let the people praise thee <i>Mathias</i>	Hymn AMNS 203 (AM 753)
Voluntary	Fuga sopra il Magnificat BWV 733 <i>J S Bach</i>	

6.30pm Informal Service

SATURDAY 3 FEBRUARY

5.00pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks*
Attended by the Friends of Bath Abbey

Introit	Hail, gladdening light <i>Wood</i>	Responses <i>Philip Moore</i>
Canticles	<i>Sumsion</i> in G	Psalm 148
Anthem	Blessed city, heavenly Salem <i>Bairstow</i>	Hymn AMNS 192(AM766)
Voluntary	Fiat Lux <i>Dubois</i>	

SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY

2nd Sunday before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Church Family Communion *Sung by the Melody Makers*

Hymns

11.30am Sung Eucharist *Sung by the Abbey Boys and Lay Clerks*

Introit Nunc dimittis (The Second Service) *Byrd*

Setting The Little Organ Mass *Haydn*

Communion O salutatis hostia *Rossini*

Hymns 2, 769, 422, 739

Voluntary Toccata in F BuxWV 157 *Buxtehude*

3.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Chamber Choir*

Introit Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake *Farrant* Responses *Reading*

Canticles *Sumsion* in A Psalm 65

Anthem Light of the World *Elgar* Hymn AMNS 314 (AM 110) omit v4

6.30pm Informal Service

TUESDAY 6 FEBRUARY

5.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Boys and Lay Clerks*

Introit O Christ the same *Trad arr Huw Williams* Responses *Clucas*

Canticles *Noble* in B minor Psalm 9

Anthem O lux beata *Emma Brown*

THURSDAY 8 FEBRUARY

5.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks*

Introit Exultate Deo *Palestrina* Responses *Philip Moore*

Canticles *Annabel Rooney* in D Psalm 18 v1-15

Anthem O Lord, look down from heaven *Battishill*

SATURDAY 10 FEBRUARY

1.00pm Lunchtime Recital *Sung by the Melody Makers*

5.00pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Farrant Singers*

Canticles Responses
Anthem Psalm 24

SUNDAY 11 FEBRUARY

Sunday next before Lent

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Church Family Communion *Led by the Music Group*

Hymns

11.30am Sung Eucharist *Sung by the Farrant Singers*

Setting
Communion
Hymns 603, 281, 422, 612

3.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Farrant Singers*

Introit Responses
Canticles Psalm 2
Anthem Hymn AMNS 101 (AM 754)

6.30pm Informal Service

WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY

7.00pm Ash Wednesday Eucharist *Sung by the Chamber Choir*

Introit Remember not, Lord *Purcell*
Setting Mass for Four Voices *Byrd*
Ashing Miserere mei *Allegri*
Communion Miserere nostri *Tallis*
Hymns 126, 127, 128

SATURDAY 17 FEBRUARY

5.00pm Choral Evensong *Sung by With Cheerful Voice*

Canticles *Kelway* in B minor Responses *Lichfield/Bridport*
Anthem Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake *Farrant* Psalm 46
Voluntary Voluntary no 2 in F minor: I Largo II Andante *Greene*

SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY

1st Sunday of Lent

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Church Family Communion *Led by a soloist*

Hymns

11.30am Sung Eucharist *Sung by With Cheerful Voice*

Setting

Communion

Hymns 121, 702, 628, 748

3.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by With Cheerful Voice*

Canticles *Dykes* in F Responses *Lichfield/Bridport*
Anthem Lead me, Lord S S *Wesley* Psalm 119 v17-32
Hymn AMNS 123ii (AM 128)

6.30pm Informal Service

THURSDAY 22 FEBRUARY

5.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks*

Introit Kyrie eleison *Plainsong* Responses *Archer*
Canticles The St Paul's Service *Joanna Marsh* Psalm 142
Anthem Paratum cor meum *Blow*

SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY**2nd Sunday of Lent**

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Church Family Communion *Sung by the Abbey Boys*Anthems Ex ore innocentium *Ireland*
Ave verum corpus *Elgar*

Hymns

11.30am Sung Eucharist *Sung by the Abbey Boys and Lay Clerks*Introit The Lent Prose *Plainsong*
Setting Mass in G *Schubert*
Communion God so loved the world *Stainer*
Hymns 128i, 652, 806
Voluntary Fugue in A flat minor *Brahms*3.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks*Introit When David heard *Weelkes* Responses *Plainsong*
Canticles The Second Service *Leighton* Psalm 135
Anthem Jehovah quam multi sunt *Purcell* Hymn AMNS 336 (AM 584)

6.30pm Informal Service

TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY5.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Boys and Lay Clerks*Introit The Call *Vaughan Williams* Responses *Plainsong*
Canticles The Second Service *Byrd* Psalm 52
Anthem I got me flowers *Vaughan Williams***THURSDAY 29 FEBRUARY**5.30pm Choral Evensong *Sung by the Abbey Girls and Lay Clerks*Introit Kyrie eleison *Mendelssohn* Responses *Plainsong*
Canticles *Gray* in F minor Psalm 78 v40-end
Anthem Salvator mundi *Tallis*

The St Matthew Passion by J S Bach

Wednesday 27 March 7.00pm

One of the greatest pieces of music ever written, in this Holy Week come and hear the beautiful sounds of baroque players Rejouissance as they lead the Abbey Girls, Lay Clerks and Boys Choir in this most uplifting and inspiring masterpiece.

Tickets from Bath Box Office *bathboxoffice.org.uk*